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The public policy of the APRA states that “(p)roviding persons with information is an essential function of a representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officials and employees, whose duty it is to provide the information.” *See Indiana Code § 5-14-3-1*. The Town of Long Beach is a public agency for the purposes of the APRA. *See Indiana Code § 5-14-3-2(n)*. Accordingly, any person has the right to inspect and copy the Town’s disclosable public records during regular business hours unless the records are protected from disclosure as confidential or otherwise exempt under the APRA. *See Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3(a)*.

After some initial confusion, it appears as if the Town provided the responsive records within a reasonable time. The original denial was inadvertent and the Complainant now has the records he sought.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is the Opinion of the Public Access Counselor the Town of Long Beach has not violated the Access to Public Records Act.

Luke H. Britt

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